

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Area code 760 unless otherwise noted.



### Fall Festival

Join in the fun at this Mexican-American Fiesta on Saturday, November 10th at Leo Carrillo Ranch. We need volunteers to help with the Arts and Crafts Fair, the Family Fun Zone and the Chili Cook-off (you can enter the Chili Cook-off Contest and win prizes). Volunteers are needed from 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Contact Rachael at 602-7519 or [rshay@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:rshay@ci.carlsbad.ca.us) to sign up.

### Leo Carrillo Rancho

Do you have an interest in

- Local history?
- Hollywood?
- Native plants and animals?

This volunteer opportunity touches on all three as we will train you about the history and native flora and fauna of this amazing rancho once owned by actor Pancho Villa. Once trained, you will give tours to adults and/or children.

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## Arts Commission Champions Public Art

**N**ot everyone knows about the 40 or more objects in Carlsbad's public art collection, but that may change. The 7-member Carlsbad Arts Commission works actively to bring the cultural arts to Carlsbad citizens and is looking to build awareness of these opportunities.

This group of volunteers advises the City Council on the implementation of the arts element component of the City's General Plan, which encompasses visual arts, performing arts and arts education. They have a keen interest in ensuring that the more successful programs continue to be funded, such as the highly attended TGIF Jazz in Parks and opera series, and the acclaimed William D. Cannon Art Gallery. They also energize the arts by bringing new events and projects to the community.

Recent projects that have moved forward include art installations for: The Crossings at Carlsbad, the City's new golf course; Pine Avenue Park; Aviara Community Park; Hidden Canyon Park; and, a fire station. A functional gate will be hung at Fire Station No. 6 with a firefighter seal and images of a bird of paradise.



Arts Commission member Barbara Iserloth.

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**This mosaic can be viewed at Pine Avenue Park. Artist Kim Emerson created numerous pieces for the revitalized park.**

The Arts Commission acts as ambassadors to the community in many other ways. A renewed interest in revitalizing downtown Carlsbad has spawned the Carlsbad Village Improvement Project. Working hand-in-hand with Carlsbad's Arts Office, the Commission is advocating for the cultural arts component of the project. Says Commission member Barbara Iserloth, "Bringing more of the arts to downtown will help make it a destination area."

To learn more about how the Commission serves you or how to have your voice heard, attend an Arts Commission meeting, held the 1st Thursday of each month at 9 am.

*"Do what you can with whatever you have wherever you are." – Theodore Roosevelt*

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## Getting Appointed to Boards and Commissions

The City of Carlsbad actively encourages citizen participation in the decision making process. The City has a number of standing citizen boards, commissions and committees that provide public input into the City government (see box below). Citizens meeting certain requirements may apply for appointment to one of fourteen commissions.

In order to be considered for appointment, you must fill out an application form, interview with the Mayor and City Council members regarding your qualifications, and meet certain requirements:

- U.S. citizenship
- Resident of Carlsbad
- Registered voter
- Filing of financial forms
- Ethics training every two years

The City Clerk's office maintains a list of all commissions, meeting information, and vacancies, and coordinates all appointments to these positions. Information on terms that will expire in 2008 will be posted on the City's web site by early January 2008.

Although it is not a requirement for appointment to a commission, the City Council encourages prospective applicants to attend the Carlsbad Citizens' Academy. The Academy is an excellent program that teaches participants the basics of the municipal government structure in Carlsbad and makes them a more well-informed commission applicant. To obtain information regarding the Academy, please call 434-2800 or visit the City's web site at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).



If you're considering applying for a commission, you might begin by reviewing the functions and responsibilities of the Commission to which you seek appointment; attending a meeting of the commission; and speaking to individuals who have served or are serving on the Commission.

Appointment to a Commission provides the opportunity for genuine public service.

## CARLSBAD NEWS FOR YOU

### Carlsbad Village Street Faire

Visit California's largest one-day street fair featuring over 900 booths of merchandise, crafts, food and beverages. Enjoy live entertainment and a beer garden. Downtown Carlsbad, 8 am to 4 pm. Sunday, November 4th.

### The Cinema Society

Come see Pauline and Paulette, "A sweet, simple film about four sisters in their 60s who are beginning to face the challenges of growing older." (Dutch with English subtitles) Carlsbad City Library, Saturday, November 10th at 2 pm.

### Holiday Event



Enjoy Holiday at the Rancho on Saturday, December 8th. The annual event includes a tree lighting ceremony, family movie, craft boutique and photos with Santa.

### Standing Boards, Commissions and Committees

- Arts Commission
- Beach Preservation Committee
- Community Television Foundation
- Design Review Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Housing Commission
- Library Board of Trustees
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission
- Senior Commission
- Sister City Commission
- Traffic Safety Commission
- Underground Utility Committee

### Student Photo Competition and Exhibition Exchange

Carlsbad residents in the 9th through 12th grades can participate in the Carlsbad Sister Cities Photography Competition and Exhibition. The guiding theme is "Things I Love about Carlsbad." The deadline for entries is Friday, December 14th. Call the Cultural Arts Office at 434-2920 to request printed guidelines.

### Parks and Recreation

Thank you to our volunteers! More than 100 volunteers participated in the Recreation Department and Parks Maintenance Division's National Public Lands Day Clean-up on September 29th.

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### Battle of the Bands

Help out at the youth-oriented event complete with a battle of the bands. Assistance is needed from 10:30 am-4:30 pm at Stagecoach Community Center on Saturday, January 26th. Contact Rachael at 602-7519 or [rsnay@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:rsnay@ci.carlsbad.ca.us) for more information.



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